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1. IN LIGHT OF REF A, WE ARE NOT APPROACHING THE
POLISH MFA ON VISA FACILITATION UNTIL THE DEPARTMENT SENDS
US FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. COPIES OF ALL NOTES WHICH HAVE
BEEN EXCHANGED BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND THE MFA ON THIS
SUBJECT ARE BEING POUCHED TO CA/VO/FOD.

2. THE EMBASSY NOTES THAT WE ARE NOW ISSUING DIPLOMATIC
AND OFFICIAL A, C, AND G VISAS TO POLISH OFFICIALS AND
DEPENDENTS PROCEEDING EITHER TO THEIR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON
OR TO JOIN POLISH UN MISSION AT NEW YORK FOR OFFICIAL BUSINESS
OR TO JOIN THEIR PRINCIPAL SPONSORS FOR PERMANENT POSTINGS,
TDYS, OR SPECIAL MISSION, OR WHILE TRANSITING
THE UNITED STATES, WITHIN FIVE DAYS. WE USE THE VISAS
HORSE PROCEDURE, AUTHORIZED IN VOLUME 9 - PART IV -
APPENDIX D - CORRESPONDENCE - NOTE 3.2 AND APPA 41.20,
NOTES 2.2 AND 4.2. WE ARE THEREFORE SOMEWHAT CONFUSED
BY THE STATEMENT IN REF A THAT A MINIMUM OF FIFTEEN
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WORKING DAYS IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE CLEARANCE
PROCEDURES ON THE UNITED STATES SIDE. WE ASSUME THAT
THOSE CASES OF OFFICIAL AND DIPLOMATIC VISA APPLICATIONS
PROCESSED UNDER VISA HORSE DO NOT HAVE TO
BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE VISAS DONKEY/CHIPMUNK
PROCEDURE.

3. COMMENT: WE ALSO NOTE THAT THE POLES ARE PRESENTLY MUCH LESS FORTHCOMING ON TIMELY ISSUANCE OF DIPLOMATIC OR OFFICIAL VISAS TO USG OFFICIALS OR DEPENDENTS. MORE THAN FIVE DAYS BETWEEN APPLICATION AND ISSUANCE IS THE RULE. WHILE WE WISH TO CONTINUE FACILITATING POLISH OFFICIAL TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES, WHICH IS FREQUENTLY IN OUR INTEREST, WE WONDER CL WE ARE NOT LOSING OUT ON THE BENEFITS OF RECIPROCITY BECAUSE OF PRESENT POLISH PRACTICES. IF, AS A RESULT OF OUR REPRESENTATION, THE POLES DO NOT SPEED UP THEIR PROCESSING OF SUCH VISAS, WE MIGHT HAVE TO RECOMMEND A RECIPROCAL SLOWDOWN.

4. FINALLY, WE NOTE THAT VISA FACILITATION ENVISAGES MUCH MORE THAN A CURTAILED RECIPROCAL PROCESSING TIME FOR ISSUANCE OF DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL VISAS. IT ALSO INCLUDES, FOR EXAMPLE, MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS FOR AMERICAN TEACHERS AT THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF WARSAW AS WELL AS EASING THE OBTAINING OF VISAS FOR AMERICAN AIR CREW MEMBERS - A MATTER OF GREAT CONCERN TO PAN AMERICAN. WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL, AS WE ENTER THE PRE-MADRID STAGE OF CSCE IMPLEMENTATION, FOR AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OF THE VISA FACILITATION PROGRAM TO BE PUT INTO EFFECT.
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